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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA to the DCI for Compartmentation

FROM : [REDACTED]  
Deputy Chief, APEX Control Staff

SUBJECT : APEX Steering Group Meeting, 9 September 1980 [REDACTED]

1. The 34th meeting of the APEX Steering Group was convened at 1333 on 9 September with the following in attendance:

ACS	[REDACTED] Chairman
OSD	Maynard Anderson
State	Donald Stigers
State	William Deary
Navy	Richard Welch

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Army	Merrill T. Kelly
USAF	Colonel Robert A. Shiver
NSA	[REDACTED]
FBI	David Major

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2. The Chairman announced that the Industrial Procedures Handbook has been printed and is awaiting distribution. The Nondisclosure Agreement is at the printers, and the Questions and Answers on the Nondisclosure Agreement have been printed and are being disseminated. Still in the formulation process is the APEX termination form and the access acknowledgment form. These are currently with the Office of General Counsel, CIA. [REDACTED] pointed out that Mr. Anderson has suggested that, in view of the completion of the indoctrination guide, work should begin on audiovisual briefings for the operational

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compartments, subcompartments and product categories. The Chairman advised that he is willing to try to have these items produced, but pointed out that APEX has received an inordinate amount of the time and effort of the CIA Audiovisual shop. He suggested that other segments of the Community might have to assist in the reproduction of nontelevision media, i.e., slides and film. He will begin work on scripts for IMAGERY, COMINT, and TECHNICAL product briefings as soon as the respective manuals have been finalized. [ ]

3. The Chairman reviewed the press comment on [ ] and advised the Steering Group that the DCI has agreed that CIA and the APEX Control Staff will not comment on these stories. All inquiries will be handled by the White House Press Staff, which originally gave information on [ ] to the media. The Chairman commented that the New York Times story of 7 September was fairly respectable, but that others seem to have rather heavy political overtones. [ ] took this opportunity to reiterate his advice that a red team effort be mounted to make a categorical counterintelligence assessment of the loss of information relating to the APEX system or manual. [ ] commented that the document accountability procedures and the separate handling of operational material under APEX are calculated to improve our security posture. Mr. Anderson commented that it would be difficult to find identifiable damage to the national security in the revelation of administrative information on how sensitive information is handled. Similar information is available, for example, in unclassified Executive Orders. [ ] concluded the discussion by reiterating that the DCI's posture is not to comment on this matter, and the Chairman encouraged Steering Group members to adopt a similar posture. [ ]

4. The tasking paper for Working Group #5 and the draft schedule for the Contracting Officers' Seminar on 6 October were handed out. [ ] pointed out that most of the DoD Contracting Officers are SI approved but many do not have TK. It has, therefore, been decided that the meeting will be held at the SI level. In addition, the Working Group has decided to invite Program Manager representation to the meeting. The Steering Group endorsed the Working Group proposals. The draft schedule for the Industrial Contractor Seminar on 22 October was handed out. Draft #7 of the HUMINT manual was handed out and [ ] requested the members to provide written comments by 16 September. He pointed out that the COMIREX Working Group will spend 10-12 September in an out-of-town training site working on the draft APEX IMAGERY manual. He urged members who have comments to get them to their Working Group representatives by COB today. [ ] said that three days will be spent in a continuous work session reviewing the draft manual for consistency with the Final Report and homogeneity. [ ] expressed concern that the draft manual may be setting up a total subset

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of APEX for IMAGERY, and perpetuating the "T" control system through the appointment of AICOs and AISOs. The Chairman said he endorses the process of a full scale review of the draft manual to identify the issues to be followed by formal coordination. ☐

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5. ☐ reminded the Steering Group that in August members had been asked to be prepared to give status reports on APEX readiness in their respective organizations. He requested that reports be presented on 16 September (now 17 September) by Army, Navy, Air Force, DIA, and OSD and that reports be presented on 23 September by State, CIA, SIGINT Committee, COMIREX, NSA, SECOM, ☐ He requested that a written outline be prepared for each presentation. The Chairman pointed out that the 3rd Quarterly Report to the DCI will soon be due and that the presentations should be very helpful in preparing the report. He also reminded the members that in a few weeks NFIB will sit down to consider the 1 January 1981 start-up date. It was also announced that the next presentation on Special Navy Programs will occur on the 30th of September. ☐

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6. ☐ handed out a guidance paper on DoD resource impact for the information of the membership. He also pointed out that a memorandum on resource requirements will be forthcoming from the Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management. Reporting for Working Group #2, ☐ said the letter to prospective participants in the Contractor Seminar has been finalized and will be sent out as soon as the DCI approves it. On behalf of Working Group #5, ☐ handed out NFAC comments on the operational compartmentation proposals which have been placed before the Steering Group. ☐ on behalf of the SIGINT Committee, reported that the draft TECHNICAL product manual is undergoing final coordination at the agency principal level. The Working Group on the COMINT product manual is meeting at this moment and the manual is believed to be in the wrap-up stage. ☐ commented that there will be footnotes in the COMINT manual draft, but none is expected in the TECHNICAL manual. He suggested that many sensitive issues will come out of the deliberations over the TECHNICAL manual which will affect all NFIB agencies. He specifically said that DIA has expressed an objection to the Program Manager having approval authority with regard to COMINT operational subcompartment access. ☐

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7. The meeting adjourned at 1230. ☐



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